

Notes from PART-TIME ISSUES COMMITTEE

Monday, February 28, 2011; 11-12:30, 55-524

Present: David Milroy, Mike Lambe, Narges Heidari, Sue Gonda, Barbara Blanchard

I. Welcome and Introductions

An informal discussion took place regarding Lesbian Gay Bi-Sexual Transgender (LGBT) activities on the GC campus. David noted a recent conference item regarding issues on college campuses and raising awareness. Sue noted a recent training on the SDSU campus that included "Safe Zone" training for faculty and staff. All agreed they would like to see a training session or presentation during Professional Development week regarding these items. Rochelle will find out the faculty advisor for the LGBT club on campus. **Teresa Jacob and Debby Golden**

II. Pay for service on committees-update

Sue reported on the situation regarding compensation for part-time faculty serving on committees. She reported that in the Spring of 2009 a side letter agreement had been worked on by the United Faculty, but that it had not gone through the proper shared governance process and was rejected by Chancellor Suarez. Sue reported that the Senate Officers committee had worked on a list of committees that would benefit from having Part-Time Faculty on them and suggested this would be a good place to start the process again. Barb noted that she felt the district supported compensation for Part-Time Faculty, but acknowledged that in the current budget situation it may not be possible. The following items were suggested;

- Gather a list of the committees that part-time faculty participation would be suggested; i.e. Student Success Committee
- Present the list to the Senate, ADSOC, and DEC for discussion and input
- Move through the shared governance process once proposal is ready

It was also suggested that the Divisional Senators participate in the Division Council Meetings. Sue and Barb would contact the Division Deans and Department Chairs and Coordinators to move forward to include the Divisional Senators in the meetings. All felt this would make the connection better between the Divisional Senators and their constituents.

III. Part-Time Faculty Survey by State Academic Senate

Sue reviewed the survey for Academic Senate Presidents from the State Academic Senate. She noted it had a section regarding Part-Time faculty participation and involvement on campus committees and local senates and she would like input from part-time faculty members. Sue will forward the questions to the committee members to review and then create a survey for GC Part-Time faculty. Sue noted

she would also speak to Department Chairs and Coordinators to get a sense of Part-Time faculty participation at the department level.

IV. Upcoming AS Elections-Part-Time Senate Officer at Large

Sue reported an e-mail had gone out to the Senators announcing the candidates, David Milroy and Mike Lambe, and included their statements. It was noted the candidate statements are also available on the Academic Senate website. The voting would take place Monday, March 7, at the Senate meeting. A discussion followed regarding who should be eligible to vote for the Part-Time Officer at Large; some felt only part-time faculty. The current language of the Senate Constitution allows for all faculty, part-time and full time, to vote for all Senate Officers positions as they represent the whole faculty. It was suggested input from all part-time faculty be included prior to changing the Senate Constitution.

V. Discussion of possible priorities for the coming year

Much discussion occurred regarding part-time faculty participation on campus and on the Part-Time Faculty Committee. All agreed they would like better communication with part-time faculty and be able to make connections campus wide. Some ideas that were mentioned were;

- Divisional Senators participating in Division Council meetings
- Contact with the Chairs and Coordinators so they know who the Divisional Senators are
- Continued participation on the Part-time Faculty committee
- Encourage more Part-time faculty participation by working on the compensation issue

All agreed these were good items to move forward with.

Next Meeting:

Monday March 28, 2011 11:00-12:00pm room 524 building 55